UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
ROXY INC., MEMPHIS SHIPPING PTE LTD.,
DYNASTIC MARITIME INC. and SAMANTHA
SHIPMANGEMENT GROUP,

12 Civ. 3625 (LAK)

Petitioners,

- against -

INTERNATIONAL OIL OVERSEAS, INC., MARINA WORLD SHIPPING CORP., GRESHAM WORLD SHIPPING CORP., TARAZONA SHIPPING CO., S.A., QUOIN ISLAND MARINE WL, BAKRI TRADING COMPANY INC., SCHIFF HOLDING CO. S.A., and TRANS MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING INC.,

Respondents.

DECLARATION OF AHMED MORSHEDY

I, AHMED MORSHEDY, declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States, as follows:

- 1. I am the Manager of Respondent Marina World Shipping Corp. (hereinafter "Marina World") and have held this position since September 2, 2008. I am an individual of majority age, and I understand English.
- 2. I submit this Declaration (a) in opposition to the Verified Petition and motion for relief brought by Petitioners against Marina World, seeking recognition and enforcement of an arbitration award issued in favor of Petitioners and against Respondent International Oil Overseas, Inc. ("IOOI") and (b) in support of the Cross-Motion filed by Marina World to Dismiss the Verified Complaint. In particular, I submit this Declaration to specifically address certain allegations made by

Petitioners regarding personal jurisdiction, venue and their claim that Marina World is a so-called "alter ego" of IOOI.

- 3. Insofar as the contents of this Declaration are within my own knowledge, they are true. Insofar as the contents of this Declaration are not within my own direct knowledge, they are true to the best of my information and belief.
- 4. Marina World is a Panamanian corporation duly organized and registered under the laws of the Republic of Panama. The company was incorporated on 31 August 1983 upon the filing of its Articles of Incorporation, Public Deed Number 5114, in the City of Panama, where it has its registered office c/o local agents, with a business presence in Saudi Arabia.
- 5. Marina World is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bakri Navigation Co. (Bermuda) Ltd, which in turn is owned by A.K. Bakri & Sons Ltd Bermuda.
- 6. Marina World is a corporate affiliate of other subsidiaries of its parent, Bakri Navigation Co. (Bermuda) Ltd.
- 7. Marina World is not a corporate affiliate of IOOI. Marina World and IOOI do not have any common shareholders, directors or officers nor do they own shares in any common companies.

- 8. Marina World transacts its business in its own name and is independently managed and operated for its own profit and corporate purposes.
- 9. Marina World maintains corporate formalities in accordance with the laws of Panama, including compliance with annual tax requirements and payment of fees of local agents.
- 10. Marina World maintains a bank account in its own name and is capitalized in accordance with the laws of Panama.
- 11. Marina World and IOOI are not participants in any joint ventures with one another but have done business with each other in the past pursuant to arm's length transactions. Marina World does not act as a so-called "paying agent" on behalf of IOOI, nor does it guarantee obligations of IOOI, and vice versa.
- 12. Marina World was not a party to the underlying charter party transactions or London arbitration agreements that were entered into between IOOI and Petitioners. Nor was it a party to or a witness in the related London arbitration proceedings that transpired between Petitioners and IOOI.
 - 13. Marina World currently has four employees, all of whom reside in Saudi Arabia.
- 14. All commercial and corporate records of Marina World are maintained by the company in Saudi Arabia.
- 15. With respect to New York, Marina World does not maintain an office, employees, agents or bank accounts within the State.
- 16. Marina World does not conduct any of its business in New York or elsewhere in the United States, and it is not authorized to do business with the New York Secretary of State.

- 17. Marina World does not have any investment in fixed assets or securities within the United States and does not export or import anything to or from the United States.
- 18. In the Verified Petition, Petitioners allege that "Respondents are subject to personal jurisdiction in this District by virtue of funds and other property that they have deposited with the Clerk of this Court...."
- 19. These funds were deposited at the direction of Marina World as well as other respondents improperly named as purported *alter egos* of IOOI in the matter of *Andros Maritime Co. Ltd. v. International Oil Overseas, Inc.*, No. 11 Civ. 1657 (WHP), in which the petitioner, Andros Maritime Co. Ltd. ("Andros"), attempted to enforce a default judgment that was improperly entered in its favor and against Marina World, resulting in a disruption to Marina World's operations.
- 20. In the Andros Maritime matter, the first time that Marina World learned that a default judgment had been entered against it was when it was contacted by its banks notifying it of the Andros plaintiff's service of post-judgment "restraining notices" in New York.
- 21. In an effort to alleviate the disruption caused by the Andros plaintiff's improper efforts to enforce the invalid default judgment entered against Marina World, Marina World together with the other improperly named alleged *alter egos* of IOOI posted security into the Registry of the Court on a joint and several basis pending the outcome of the alleged alter ego respondents' motion to vacate the default judgment as against them.
- 22. In *Andros Maritime*, Andros and the principal respondent, IOOI, engaged in settlement discussions which ultimately proved successful in resolving the claim that Andros brought against IOOI due to payment direct to Andros by IOOI. Andros agreed to dismiss the entire action,

but before that was accomplished, the attorneys who were representing Andros in that case applied for and obtained an *ex parte* Rule B attachment on behalf of other parties in a new matter captioned *Springsea Maritime Corp. v. International Oil Overseas Inc.*, No. 11 Civ. 7821 (JGK), re-attaching the same funds that otherwise would have been released to Marina World and the other improperly named alleged alter ego respondents on a joint and several basis upon settlement of the *Andros* matter.

23. In the *Springsea* matter, Marina World has not yet moved to vacate the attachment because IOOI has advised that (a) it is in settlement discussions with the *Springsea* plaintiffs and (b) it is in a position to argue that the underlying claims by the *Springsea* plaintiffs are untimely or otherwise stale. To the extent that IOOI succeeds in either (a) settling the dispute or (b) successfully disposing of the *Springsea* claims as a matter of law, it is more economical for Marina World to leave the funds in place and to be reimbursed for the loss of use of the funds by the unsuccessful litigant in *Springsea*.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 18 June, 2012

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

AHMED MORSHEDY